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THE TORONTO FOOD ACCESS MAP

Personal and Communal Food-Journeys Through Our City

Toronto Food Access Map Calls For:

-An immediate end to the clearing of encampments, which are often safer for our unhoused community members than shelters and allow them more autonomy. The city and other municipalities across so-called Canada have made recent efforts to destroy established encampments like Dufferin Grove and Barbara Hall, exposing their residents to traumatic uprooting and police contact. Toronto is itself a settler-colonial occupation of Wendat, Anishnaabek, Haudanosaunee and Mississauga Nation lands, and thus its government has no right to dictate the occupation of public space. The criminalization of homelessness speaks to violent (colonial) border politics at their smallest scales. The city must provide adequate, clean, safe housing without paternalistic conditions to all who live here.

-Accordance with the Via Campesina 1996 Food Sovereignty demands. This means access to sufficient, sustainable, culturally-appropriate food. For Canada this means land back! In the hands of indigenous stewards to grow pre-contact crops, and out of the hands of companies like Monsanto who purposely sterilize and patent seeds. It means support for urban agriculture projects aimed at feeding and sustaining the city's most disenfranchised, like the Black Creek and Malvern farms. It means the boycott of all states who use starvation as a weapon of war, such as the genocidal Israel and UAE. It means striving for a world where our food systems are unmoored from profit and instead based in neighbourly care.

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Fold Towards You Or Cut Here

FOR USE

PRACTICAL: Fill out the map with any initiatives and locations (such as community gardens) which provide free food access. Write down in the section next to the map the address and times they can be accessed, as well as any other relevant information (e.g police harassment risk, dietary considerations). Share copies amongst people you know and compare your maps with them. Think of this as a memory tool and a conversation . For food secure people: Take this as an opportunity to familiarize yourself with what your community is doing to keep people fed. Speak to unhoused people and learn what support they would appreciate. Consider contributing your time to an ongoing effort, or help out your way. This can be small, consider planting fruit trees in your front yard and marking them on the map, or offering hot meals in the park.

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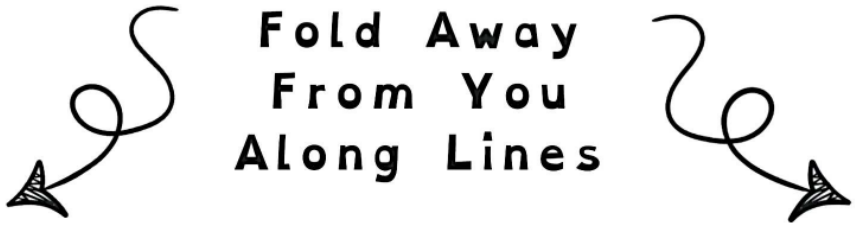

Fold Away From You Along Lines

INSTRUCTIONS

CREATIVE: Think about the paths you've had to take through the city to find food. Were they tiring? Were they unsafe? Did you feel you got what you needed from the journey? Mark this path on the map and draw a representation of the journey, including the destination. This can be literal or it can be symbolic of how it felt to undertake it. If you are doing this as a group, talk about the patterns you find in routes, associations, destinations, and what you think may cause them. You might also consider printing one big map for multiple people to draw their food journeys on.

RICHMOND HILL
MARKHAM
VAUGHAN
Woodbridge
YORK REGION
Thornhill
North York
North York Centre
York Mills
Scarborough
Scarborough Centre
Toronto Zoo
Yorkdale
York
East York
CITY OF TORONTO
Malton
Etobicoke
MISSISSAUGA
PEEL REGION
Toronto
Lake Ontario
Toronto Lester B. Pearson Airport (YYZ)
Woodbine Racetrack
Ontario Place
Humber Bay Park
Humber Bay
Toronto Island Airport
Toronto (Centre) Islands
Lakeshore District
Tommy Thomson Park
Scarborough Bluffs
Ont Science Ctr
Sunnybrook Park
Downsview Park
Pioneer Village
York Univ.
Centennial Park
Casa Loma
Royal Ont Museum
Queen's Park
Univ of Toronto
CN Tower
Sky Dome
Air Canada Ctr
Harbourfront Park
Gardiner Expressway
Express Toll Route (Pre-payment req)
Paramount Canada's Wonderland
McDonald Cartier Fwy
Airport Rd
Dixie Rd
Lake Shore Blvd
Hwy 7
Steeles
Finch
Albion
Sheppard Av
Wilson
Lawrence
Eglington
Dundas
Bloor
Queen
Front
Dupont
St Clair Ave
Danforth
Kingston Rd
Eglington
Kennedy
Warden
Sheppard
Finch Ave
Leslie
Bathurst
Yonge
Duffrin
Keele
Jane
Black Creek
West Don River
Don River
Don Mills
Victoria Park
Markham Rd
Lawrence
Midland
Kennedy
Bayview
Avenue Rd
Mt Pleasant
Bathurst
Caledonia
W.A. Allen Rd
Blackcreek
Weston
Scarlet
Royal York Rd
Rathburn
Humber River
Mimico River
Parkside
High Park
Jarvis
Pape
Woodbine
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